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COMMENCEMENT AT COLLEGE

Fine Exercises Have Been
Arranged For Commence-
ment Week This Year.

WISHART GIVES THE ADDRESS

Twenty-three to be Graduated
From College and Fifteen
From K. G. Dept.

The program for the annual Alma college commencement exercises announced this week assures one of the finest commencements in the history of the college. Commencement week starts June 10th.

Twenty-three young men and women will be graduated from the college at that time and a number from the kindergarten department and music department.

Following is a list of the graduates from the college: Morton Ault of Petersburg, Ernest Bacon of Midland, Indore Friedman of Tawas, Adelaide Ballou of Stanton, Ray V. Peshgator of Alma, Eford Beverly of Alma, Annawave Coleman of Hastings, Annartha DeWitt of Spring Lake, Lester Boer of Traverse City, Violet Elliot of Elkton, Clarence Halteman of St. Louis, Edward Johnson of Yale, Vernon Lansing of Bay City, Robert McAllister of Oak Park, Ill., J. A. McAuley of Calumet, Pauline Markham of Charlevoix, Fred Porter of Alma, Lydia Resseguie of Alma, Wilhelmine Ritter of New York, N. Y., Chester Robinson of Plainfield, G. Carl Titus of Alma, Elfreda Udelle of Alma, and Edna Ward of Charlevoix.

McAuley of the graduating class will not be present at commencement, he having gone to Fort Sheridan a few weeks ago, where he is now undergoing training.

The following will be graduated from the kindergarten department: Louise Beck, Bess Brown, Marion Cooper, Mary DeRouise, Phyllis Goshenhofer, Josephine Hall, Emma Keller, Helen O'Neill, Nina Swanson, Josephine Reiser, Bertha Reagin, Hazel, Tuck, Edna Ward, Emma Wales and Katherine Wanning.

The commencement address will be given by Rev. Wishart, D. D., of the Second Presbyterian church of Chicago. The address will be "The Sons of Mary and the Sons of Martha."

Following is the program for commencement week:

June 3, 7:30 p. m.—Annual address to the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. by President George B. Stewart, D. D., LL. D., of Auburn seminary, Auburn, New York.

June 10, 10 a. m.—Farewell communion service at the First Presbyterian church; sermon by the pastor, Rev. William H. Mason, D. D.

June 11—Senior breakfast at home of President and Mrs. Crooks.

4 p. m.—Exercises of the kindergarten training department. Address by Miss Marjorie Vittum.

8 p. m.—Commencement recital by students of Reeves Farmington Veach and Mrs. Bonnie Bled Replogle.

10 p. m.—Senior class day exercises.

June 12, 10 a. m.—Annual meeting of the Board of Trustees.

1 p. m.—Alumni luncheon and reunion.

3:30 p. m.—Baseball game: Alma vs. Alma college team.

8 p. m.—Senior promenade.

9 p. m.—President's reception.

June 13, 10 a. m.—Academic procession from Wright Hall.

Commencement exercises.

Address—"The Sons of Mary and the Sons of Martha," by the Rev. Charles Frederick Wishart, D. D., pastor of the Second Presbyterian church of Chicago.

12 p. m.—Commencement luncheon.

OLD RESIDENT DEAD

Mrs. M. H. Udelle, Old Alma Resident, Died in Lansing.

Mrs. M. H. Udelle, an old and respected resident of Alma and vicinity, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James Robinson, of Lansing last Sunday morning. The funeral was held last Tuesday at 2 o'clock from the Methodist church of this city. Services were conducted by Rev. Brownlow and burial made at the Riverside cemetery.

Malinda Forsythe was born in York county, near Toronto, Canada, December 25, 1841. She was united in marriage to Mathias H. Udelle February, 1858. To them were born seven children. The family moved to Gratiot county, Michigan, in 1880.

Those left to mourn their loss are her husband and six children—Mrs. E. P. Cliffe of Toronto, Ontario; Albert E., Arthur S., Nathan B. of Alma; Solomon O. of Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. James H. Robinson of Lansing, and several grandchildren.

NEW POLICEMAN

At a meeting of the common council on Tuesday evening, James R. Campbell was appointed a temporary policeman until such a time as he may be relieved of his duties. He will receive the handsome salary of \$5.00 per week for his services.

THREE ARRESTED

Two Pay Fines During Past Week.
Two Drunks One for Assault.

During the past week the local justices have had three men before them who have been fined. Two of these were fined Monday for being drunk and the third was fined for assault and battery.

Thomas Kelly, drunk, was arrested Monday and taken before Justice J. A. Mann, where he was fined five dollars with costs amounting to three dollars.

Fred Dietz, arrested for being drunk, also on Monday, appeared before Justice Mann, where he was given a five dollar fine and costs which amounted to six dollars and seventy-five cents.

Herald Telegard, arrested Saturday for assault was let off with a fine of one dollar and costs of three dollars and seventy-five cents.

NEW TEACHERS FOR SCHOOL ARE HIRED

Most of Instructors of This Year
Will Return Here Again
Next Year.

The teachers for the public schools for the year 1917-18 have all been secured by the school board and superintendent, Mr. Schultz. There will be very few changes from this year's list of instructors.

One of the most important of the few will be the leaving of Miss Olive Smith, who has been connected with the local schools as instructor in English for the several years. Owing to the growth of the schools one new instructor has been secured in addition to those now employed.

The list follows:

Superintendent, A. F. Schultz.

High School.

Principal, A. C. Luchman.

Latin, Miss Eleanor Bittner.

Commercial, M. R. Kimball.

Mathematics and English, L. E. Vander Zlaam.

Physical Science, Guy Sawyer.

Natural Science, Ella Clark.

Domestic Science and Art, Mae Hamilton.

English, Helen Cone.

History, Pearl Primau.

English and History, Laura Lesh.

Manual Training, Frances Lake.

Music and Drawing, Mae Jones.

Union School.

Miss Dunlap, principal; Laura

Scule, Edna Brown, Henrietta VanLoe

and Lucile Thompson, 8th and 7th

grades, departmental plan; Bertha

McLaren, Winifred Trapp, Frances

Stitt, Edith Cockerton, Mary Oser.

Primary Building.

Annette McLaren, principal;

Janet Strong, Mary Faunce, Addie

Snyder, Freda Darby, Gertrude

Scheurer, Maude Gerrity, Reta Cald-

well, Ethel Smith and Ives Sandy.

City Hall Room.

Lucile Fleming.

RED CROSS MEETING

Gratiot Chapter Will Meet in Ithaca

Friday Evening.

A general meeting of Gratiot county chapter, American National Red

Cross, is to be held at the court room in the county building, on Friday

evening, June 1st, at 7:30 o'clock.

Good speakers will be present from

out of town who will entertain and

instruct the people of the county in

the Red Cross work and purposes.

It is hoped that the people of the

entire county will make it a point to

come to this meeting, and come pre-

pared to enlist in this laudable work.

There is work for every patriotic citizen to do.

Fill the room and make it necessary, perhaps, to have overflow meetings to accommodate the people.

A clerk will be on hand to take

your membership fee and issue to you the little Red Cross button.

Be sure to come!

F. L. CONVIS, Chairman.

J. T. MATHEWS, Secretary.

ORGANIZE

Organization of Hotel Company Go-

ing on. Stock Being Sold.

The organization of the company,

which is figuring on building a \$250,-

000 hotel on the site of the Schiele

WILL DEDICATE EASTMINSTER

Presbyterian Chapel in East-
ern Part of City To Be
Dedicated Sunday.

GOOD PROGRAM IS ARRANGED

Dr. Stewart of Auburn Semina-
ry Will Give the Address at
the Dedication.

Next Sunday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock, Eastminster Chapel, at the corner of Marquette street and Republic avenue, is to be dedicated.

There will be an impressive dedicatory service, presided over by Rev. William H. Mason, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. The music for the occasion will be under the direction of the choir of the First Presbyterian church. The dedicatory address will be given by Rev. George B. Stewart, D. D., LL. D., president of Auburn Theological seminary, Auburn, New York. Dr. Stewart is one of the most prominent and widely known ministers of the Presbyterian church in America, and he comes to Alma especially for this dedicatory service.

The history of the organization and development of Eastminster Chapel is of more than passing interest. Deeply impressed with the religious needs of the eastern section of the city of Alma, the pastor and session of the First Presbyterian church made a careful survey of the district and found that many were denied any religious privileges because of the inaccessibility of the churches of Alma. Consequently, on Sunday, October 4, 1914, a Sabbath school was organized in a dwelling house on Michigan avenue and Prof. F. N. Notostine, professor of mathematics in Alma college, was chosen superintendent, which position he still occupies.

Then came the beginning of Alma's remarkable growth and the dwelling house, which the school occupied, was sold and another house had to be secured. A year later this house was sold and another change of location had to be secured. Since its organization six dwelling houses have been occupied by the school. In September, 1916, the official boards of the First Presbyterian church authorized the purchase of a lot and the erection of a permanent house of worship. The lot at the corner of Marquette and Republic avenue was immediately purchased, and on October 1, 1916, ground was broken for the new building. The auditorium was occupied by the Sabbath school Sunday, February 1, 1917. When completed, the property will have cost between \$4,000 and \$4,500, and it is hoped that it may serve the rapidly growing eastern part of Alma for many years to come.

The public is invited to be present at the dedicatory service next Sunday afternoon. Certainly, everyone will want to hear Dr. Stewart's address.

RED CROSS

Campaign Here This Week Has Secured Many Members.

The Red Cross campaign, which is being held in Alma this week, is proving to be highly successful, hundreds of Alma people joining the ranks of this great organization to do their bit in aiding the soldiers of the United States.

A meeting of three representatives from each of the churches of the city, each of the fraternal organizations, the benevolent societies, the civic societies and the board of trade gathered at the First State bank last Friday evening and a campaign for the canvass of the city was mapped out by Rev. William H. Mason, who had charge of the campaign.

Rev. Mason had divided the city into six districts into which was to be placed one canvasser, making sixty in all, who were to take part in the work of securing members for the Red Cross.

Plenty of canvassers were secured, none of them offering their services that could be used, and Monday the campaign started. In most portions of the city the campaign was concluded Monday, but a few portions of the city were not canvassed until Tuesday and as yet the factories are not canvassed, although arrangements have been made for this.

The various factories of the city are co-operating in the movement and committees will have the privilege of canvassing the large plants of the city, permission to do this having already been secured. This shows a deep interest in the work on the part of the management of the various Alma factories, when it is seen that they are willing to allow canvassing in the plants, the reason of course being that the Red Cross has such worthy objects for its goal.

So far 400 members have been reported as secured during the canvass as far as it has progressed and it is expected that another week will see this total increased greatly.

Tarkington's "Seventeen" at the Idlehour Tuesday, June 5th.

The registration in Arcadia township will be held at the town hall on Tuesday, June 5th.

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CONFIDENCE IN ALMA

An agent for a certain firm, which has been dealing with an Alma firm for some years, was in the city a few days ago, and placed \$500.00 with a former member of the local firm and told him to invest it in something in Alma.

This is just an indication of how Alma is being regarded around the state by the men who know, and by those who are awake to the opportunities for making money.

It should also serve to indicate to some Alma people that Alma offers chances for investment which are not to be overestimated. Alma is growing and all rapidly growing cities offer good investment opportunities, which must be taken if the growing city is to continue its growth.

LIBERTY BOND MEETING WAS HELD IN THIS CITY

Committees Are Appointed and
Work Under Way to Dispose
of Bonds in Gratiot.

A meeting of the bankers of Gratiot, Isabella and Clare counties was held at the First State bank here Friday, the meeting having been called by representatives of the Federal Reserve Board in the interests of the Liberty Bond issue.

The meeting was called to order by the Hon. L. A. Sharp, and H. C. Moore was chosen as secretary, after which Mr. Westlake and Mr. McCluney of the Reserve Board told of the objects of the meeting which they had called.

It was then moved that a general county committee for Gratiot be appointed, to be composed of a member of each bank in the county, and that the committee thus appointed elect an executive committee. Following are the members of the committee:

Breckenridge, First State Savings bank, Alfred E. Crawford.

Breckenridge, Farmers State bank, Robert Baldwin.

Ashley, James Austey, Riverdale, E. C. Reid.

Ithaca, Ithaca National bank, F. L. Convis.

Ithaca, Commercial National bank, C. A. Price.

Ithaca, Ithaca Savings bank, J. B. Crawford.

St. Louis, Gratiot County State bank, F. H. Bieber.

St. Louis, Commercial Savings bank, Charles Cave.

Elwell, Bank of Elwell, J. Colister, Pompey, H. C. Reed.

Wheeler, Henry Meade, Perrinton, W. H. Davis.

Middleton, J. R. Hudson, Bannister, F. H. Moulton.

North Star, F. N. Selby, Alma, First State bank, C. H. Washburn.

Alma, Alma State Savings bank, H. C. Moore.

The following were appointed to act as chairmen of the different townships of the county, to work for the sale of the Liberty Bonds of the government:

Seville, Jack B. Moble, Riverdale, Pine River, E. N. Post, Forest Hill, Bethany, Frank Peach.

Wheeler, Henry Meade, Wheeler, Lafayette, G. R. Aldrich.

Emerson, Ernest Muscott, Arcadia, Fred Bradford, Alma, Sumner, B. J. Goss.

New Haven, C. D. Wells, Newark, Sam Daniels.

North Star, Frank Palmer, Hamilton, C. S. Betts.

Elba, E. H. Moulton, Bannister, Washington, Dr. B. C. Hall, Pompey, Frank Himes.

North Star, William Hill.

A meeting of the general county committee was held and the following executive committee to aid in pushing the sale of the Liberty loan bond issue was appointed, which consists of C. A. Price and F. L. Convis of Ithaca, Charles Cave of St. Louis, L. A. Sharp and W. A. Bahkle of Alma, A. F. Crawford of Breckenridge and James Austey of Ashley. This committee elected officers as follows: President, C. A. Price of Ithaca; vice-president, W. A. Bahkle of Alma; secretary, Charles Cave of St. Louis.

A publicity committee of C. E. Brown, J. F. Sartor, Jr., W. H. Mason and A. P. Cook was appointed to Alma. J. N. McCall was appointed chairman of the Ithaca committee and Fred Moffatt of the Breckenridge committee.

It was decided at the meeting to organize each city, village and township in the county at once, and also to secure some good speakers to aid in the work of disposing of the Liberty loan bonds of the United States government.

Boost for the high school—Idlehour, Tuesday.

TUG OF WAR A TIE

The annual Fresh-Soph tug of war between the Sophomore and Freshman classes at the college, which was held at the swing bridge Tuesday afternoon ended in a practical tie—neither team having much of an advantage when the final whistle was blown. Once the Sophs almost got the Freshies over the bank, but they recovered themselves and held to the finish. The Sophs had the advantage of about five feet of rope when the pull was over.

COUNCIL TOOK FURTHER ACTION

Amended Appropriations Ordinance, To Include The
Bond Issue.

CUT DOWN THE IMPROVEMENTS

Bonding Limit Will Not Permit
City to Make All Improve-
ments Desired.

The city council on Tuesday night amended the recent appropriation ordinance of the city of Alma, so that it now includes the amounts of the proposed bonding issues which will soon be submitted to the voters of Alma.

The amendment calls for \$48,300 to be expended for sewers in the city, for which the city is to pay sixty per cent of the cost and the abutting property owners forty per cent. The specifications on which the above estimate is based is upon 48,301 feet of sewers, or a little over five miles, which the council hopes to have constructed this year to relieve the pressing needs in the city. Thirty-two manholes are also to be constructed at a cost of \$5,690, which amount is to come from the general fund of the city.

The amendment to the appropriation also calls for the expenditure of \$35,061 for paving. This is based upon paving for West Superior street from the railroad west to Cedar avenue, or a distance of 1,100 feet. The paving is estimated as thirty feet wide, with curbing. It also includes the paving of Bridge avenue from East Superior street north to Michigan avenue, a distance of 1,600 feet. This paving is to be twenty-six feet wide with no curbing. On East Superior street paving is planned from Bridge avenue east to Republic avenue, a distance of 1,700 feet.

In all this calls for the paving of five-sixths of a mile on three streets in the city.

The sum of \$76,291.95 is called for under the appropriation amendment for watermain extensions.

The three items have had a considerable cut of late because of the bonding limit which is fixed by state law, and in consequence there are a number of items in the improvements which the council wanted, which will be left until next year, owing to this fact. The council is figuring on placing the improvements for this year where they are needed the most.

The total amount for the bond issue as indicated by the appropriations amendment will be about one-third of what had been estimated a few weeks ago.

BIGGER PRODUCTION

Poultry Raisers Urged to Increase
Production During War.

The American Poultry association is urging upon the poultry raisers of the United States the necessity of raising an extra pound of poultry this year for every man, woman and child in the United States.

E. E. Richards, president of the association has pointed out that poultry is quickest meat that can be produced and that it can also be produced the cheapest. He says that the country has the opportunity of producing an extra one hundred million pounds of poultry if the American farmers, the fanciers and the breeders will give their attention to hatching. He urges that hatching be continued during the month of June this year in order that the production may be greatly increased. He says that the greatest demand for food in the history of the world will come within the next twenty-four months and that the country should get prepared for it.

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